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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it seems that everybody who tries to ask questions winds up just kind of trailing off into nothingness and sitting down in frustration (laugh) and say, well, okay, that's...that's all I would ask. Senator Wickersham, I'm going to try to focus in on something, 'cause I've...I've tried to narrow down what I'm...I want to get at. Right now, can any county that chooses to appoint a fair board?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That structure is available if you don't have anyone else carrying on a county fair. You can only have one organization that carries on a county fair in a county.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, is there...is the only other entity that could carry on a county fair an agricultural society?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So I want to move them aside. In the counties where you don't have an agricultural society, you can either have, under this bill, an appointed fair board or an elected fair board.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the reason for this bill the fact that some counties will not appoint a fair board, and people in that county want a fair board and this would give them a chance and a way to do it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think in some counties there would be a reluctance to change from the county agricultural society, the nonprofit corporation structure, to the county fair board structure, because the county fair board in that instance would be appointed rather than elected, and they see it as a good that the persons who manage and conduct the fair would be elected.